

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Three years ago David Ross bought a section of land near Salt Lake City for \$64,000. Last week he refused an offer of \$148,000 cash for it.

The town of Rosell, Lincoln county, Nebraska, is 210 miles from any railroad. No other place in the United States can say as much.

Japan has celebrated its 255th anniversary of incorporation under the first Emperor of her country, an affair which marks our 250th anniversary seem insignificant.

A recent lawsuit in Dahlgene, Ga., originating about a hen and chickens, commencing with a woman and ending with a man, is the only case in the state in which the only cow he possessed in order to get his wife out of it.

Sparrow hawks are legal-tenant among the birds of the United States. The law makes one lot to buy a fish-pole, and two will purchase a base-ball, when they have been cashed in at the recorder's office.

Grand Haven, Mich., making a sort of municipal Pompeii of it. The City Council is planting 2,000 trees on the hills, hoping in ten years to have a city of the future.

An Opelousa, La., gander has learned to turn the faucet of a cistern with his bill, and when the water begins to flow he sets under the stream, draws it up with his wings, takes a drink and then discharges it.

A cow fight at Ree Heights, Dak., resulted in one of the animals having her neck broken, and the owner of the dead animal was ordered to pay \$100 to the victor for damages on the ground that the victorious animal was the aggressor.

A new industry has sprung up in Kansas—that of collecting old tinware, which is being sold for the purpose of melting for various purposes. An industrious man can gather up a ton of it in a day, which brings \$4.75 for it.

In each ton of camphor wood brought to this country from Japan there is 35 per cent. of camphor and 75 per cent. of waste. Moreover, one-half of the camphor evaporates in the process of drying, leaving 150 per cent. of the drug after reduction.

Murder seems to be the least perilous of all the felonious pastimes known to this country. The average man can live a more human life in the six years from 1884 to 1889, only 538 paid the penalty of their crimes by yielding their own lives to the gallows.

The brakes of a Richmond electric car became unmanageable on a down grade last week, and the car, coming to a curve, left the track, and, plunging across the street, struck a car, and a lady and her child. The lady was in the car, but none were seriously injured.

A queer white and red robin astonished the shifting sands and threatened to quit his nest in a shaggy reach of pasture, near the thundering ocean breakers. The bird's body is a snowy white, even to the tip of its tail, except its breast, which is of a rosy red.

Lake Chelan, Wash., never freezes, although in latitude 48° north. The reason is that the water in the lake is so shallow that the water always rises from the bottom to supplant the cold, which goes down to warm itself. The Indians fish in the lake at all seasons of the year, and get a fine catch.

Dr. Dixon, professor of hygiene at the University of Pennsylvania, has been making some experiments with air and dust obtained from the streets of Philadelphia, to see the germs of many diseases, contagious and otherwise. Better ventilation and more cleanliness are sorely needed.

A lady in America has been a very chimerical creature. She has had and used daily for her past eight years, and she expects to use for many years yet. She says that she has never seen a man who is so good as she thought, in 1883, and no matter how large a flame runs through it, it won't break.

A man named Fields, who had just died at Danville, Ky., later, it is said, though sixty years of age, had a single night out of the house in which he was born, and never ate but one meal away from home, and that was at the funeral of his wife, and, then only for an hour each time.

Seven of the supposed-to-be sharpest and wisest lawyers in the country have made a mistake. They have said that bills have been broken all to find out a man and his lawyers. An ignorant Missouri farmer stood his will in four lines on a slate, and stood three lawsuits and ten lawyers.

A genuine Roman pig of lead has recently been discovered at South Cave, in East Yorkshire. The pig, which is nearly a century old, was found about two miles north of the Pimple, close to where the great ferry (Traianus, Maximus) of the Roman empire crossed the great street crossed from Lincolnshire to Yorkshire.

George W. Keller, of Page county, Virginia, thirteen years ago plunged into the sea at Atlantic City, and was himself nearly asphyxiated. He was seized with an exciting rheumatism, and has lain ever since in bed, drawn out of shape. Until 1887 he was able to get up and walk, and then he never stood half his body but has apparently returned to stone.

Nine prominent citizens of Grant county, Kansas, including the sheriff, have been arrested for defrauding the county by presenting the same wolf-skins several times and securing the bounty thereon. Over \$300 has been paid in bounties since the first of January, and it is thought that most of it has been fraudulently disbursed.

Mr. J. B. Arkwood, of New Canaan, Conn., have just made a pair of shoes for a Charlotte (N. C.) man. They are the biggest ones ever made. The size is No. 32, and the length is 14 inches, and the width 4 inches wide. The man who is to wear them is a clergyman, six feet ten inches tall, and weighs 410 pounds, and the county in which he lives is the largest in the state.

One of the most interesting spectacles of dogs at drill in France. They are under the command of an admiral, and are surrounded by a regiment of men of vagrant curs, who do not enjoy the distinction of being enrolled under the French flag, and are trained to do as scouts, messengers and sentinels.

The Chinamen of Astoria, Ore., are amusing themselves with a huge top made out of a single piece of wood, and spinning it. The square opening is cut in the side, and it takes three men to spin it, one to hold the top and two to pull the string with a stick. The top is made of a single piece of wood, and sounds like the whistle of a steamer, and can be heard three blocks away.

Artificial coffee is manufactured on an enormous scale in the city of Lyons, France, from linseed-oil, roasted to a dark color and mixed with some glutinous substance before being passed through machines, which give it the appearance of the seeds of a real coffee bean. When the false bean is well mixed with the genuine product only in expert can detect the difference.

**NO DEMAND FOR ESSAYS.**

Why Emerson is Not Likely to Have a Successor—Literary-Tellers in Demand.

Atlanta, Ga., Constitution.

A writer, who appears to be pretty well informed on literary topics, thinks there is an open field for the essayist in America. He says that there are a number of novelists, but no noted essayist since Emerson laid down his pen and joined the silent ones.

It is true enough; we have none who can thunder like Emerson, though Oliver Wendell Holmes is now giving up the conversational style, and James Russell Lowell can be heard from if he need be. But this is not the case. In the sentences with the line humor of Lamb, they would fall flat. It is doubtful if even Lamb could make a living by his essays now, unless, perhaps, he could bring himself to take a little of the bait and go on with nothing into a bawling fable.

The essayist vainly knocks at the literary door, and is told that there is no room made the circuit of the world, for a wagger, in sixty days, is greeted by slim audiences, and hardly makes enough to pay him rent. He gets there, and the brief, direct story-teller finds the public clamoring at his door and clamoring for more. The public need a realist need apply; the public will not hear him, however wisely he may preach and moralize. His day has been, and will be, but it is not now.

**He Knew It.**

The Wren. The latter "moment" asked the Prince of Wales.

"I fear her Majesty has the grip!" replied the royal physician.

Edwards.

"The grip on the grip!"